

**readings for the week**

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
 Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24  
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10  
 Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15  
 Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16 17/  
 Jn 2:13-22

**please note**

Rella will be attending a Catechetical Leaders Meeting on Wednesday morning, November 5. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day.

**reminder – youth group**

A meeting for all Youth Group members and their parents is being held tonight, Sunday November 2 at 8:15pm in the Fellowship Rooms.

**charity raffle**

The Cornerstone Foundation Inc. will be holding a raffle on November 13<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Soup Kitchen, Clothing Bank, Youth Center and Homeless Shelter.

No more than 300 raffle tickets will be sold for \$50 each and can be purchased by contacting Jim Swicklas (phone 860-871-2126) or the Sacred Heart office at 875-4563.

Prizes are

- 1st \$1,500 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card
- 2nd \$1,000 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card
- 3rd \$500 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card

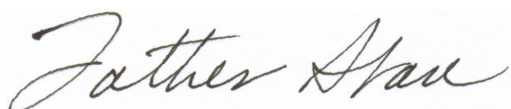
These are not redeemable for cash.

**aba update**

As of October 17, members of our parish had made 63 pledges totaling \$13,610 to be paid over time. Of that total, \$8,932 has so far been paid. Additionally, 94 outright gifts totaling \$11,344 have been made.

**We are only \$3,846 short of our parish goal of \$28,800.** If you have not pledged, please take an envelope from the railing and please make a pledge or an outright donation this week.

Thank you,



Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is obvious to me that this is a parish where the people show love, care and concern for one another. This is consistent with being a family, the Body of Christ. There are times, for a number of reasons, where we may not see a parishioner at Mass for weeks or months at a time, the yoking of our parish with Saint Maurice and the new Mass schedule has made this more evident. We may lose touch with them. They lose touch with us. They may feel forgotten.

As parishioners we are all responsible for our brothers and sisters. If you haven't seen someone at Mass for a while, I invite you to call them or pay them a visit

- To show them our love
- To see if they are well
- To tell them they are missed
- To show them we care
- To tell them we need them
- To see if we can help

Some people already do this. But if we are going to hold this parish together and make it grow, we all need to do it. However, if you are not comfortable making a call or visit, let me know and I will make the connection.

We are less than a month from Advent, the beginning of a new church year. A good time to tell people that we care. A good time to gather our family back home for Christmas at Sacred Heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Larry Deraleau

**coping with grief and loss during the holidays**

Friday, November 7 at Visiting Nurse and Health Services, 8 Keynote Drive (rear entrance), Vernon. 6:30-8pm.

This program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to 860-875-3536 (Ladd Turkington Funeral Home) by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Presented by Joe Colletti, Consultant, Author, Bereaved Parent.

## the lateran basilica

Paul Turner



Whenever the ninth of November falls on a Sunday, many churchgoers are surprised to learn that the regular Mass has been replaced by one for the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran. Christmas, Easter, even All Souls Day we understand. But John Lateran? The feast most nearly resembles Independence Day on the national calendar.

It celebrates the freedom to worship and the dedication of a place to gather for it.

Early in the fourth century the persecution of Christians came to a close with the conversion of the emperor Constantine, who granted the followers of Jesus the right to public worship. Constantine offered Pope Sylvester I some property owned by the Lateran family, which became the site of the first Christian basilica, dedicated on November 9, 324. In time, the church was placed under the patronage of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The popes lived in a palace adjoining the church, which underwent several renovations over the centuries. Several councils were held in the building, including the ones legislating celibacy for priests and communion once a year for the faithful.

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Even though the popes moved to Avignon, France, for a century and eventually to a residence in the Vatican palace, the Lateran basilica remains the cathedral church of Rome. When we speak of the pope as bishop of Rome, this is his cathedral, not St. Peter's. Since the pope is the shepherd of the universal church, the Lateran basilica of St. John is the cathedral church of the world.

Each year the dedication of this building is celebrated in every Catholic parish in the world on November 9. It proclaims the original freedom of Christians to worship, the dedication of our ancestors to worship, the perseverance of our faith, and the universal nature of our community. By commemorating the dedication of the basilica of St. John Lateran, we pass on that faith to new generations.

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## give blood

Saturday, November 8, 8am-1:15pm at Maple Grove Club, 100 Franklin Street, Rockville

Tuesday, November 18, 12:30-5:45pm at Vernon United Methodist Church, 401 Hartford Tpke, Vernon

Wednesday, November 26, 9:30am-2:30pm at Rockville General Hospital/Fitch Conference Room, 31 Union Street, Rockville.

For an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

## open house at east catholic

East Catholic High School will hold an Open House on Thursday, November 20 at 7pm for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8am at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, at 649-5336 x 238 for more information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school website is [www.echs.org](http://www.echs.org)

## christmas craft fair and bake sale

All Saints Parish, 25 School Street, Somersville. Saturday, November 8, 9am-5pm. Sunday, November 9, 9am-12 noon. (Breakfast and lunch will be available on Saturday). Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court All Saints #1435.

Mark your calendars and plan to come! Get a start on your Christmas shopping; hundreds of hand-made items and enjoy some "favorite recipe goodies" of the Catholic Daughters!

## help?

Dear Friends,

The Tri-Town Fuel Bank is seeking donations to replenish our resources so that we may meet the demand for this coming winter. With the increased costs for oil and utility service, families and individuals are having a very difficult time managing. The fuel bank is able to provide immediate assistance for those residents facing a heating or utility emergency.

The Tri-Town Fuel Bank serves low-income individuals and families in the towns of Ellington, Tolland and Vernon who are experiencing a heating crisis. All donations made to our fuel bank are applied directly to the energy cost. There is no administrative expense, as the towns supply the staff time to administer the program along with copying and mailing costs.

Any donation, no matter what amount, is greatly appreciated. Contributions should be made payable to Tri-Town Fuel Bank and sent to:

Attn: Candace Joseph  
Vernon Social Services  
375 Hartford Turnpike, Room #117  
Vernon, CT 06066

We thank you for your consideration and hope you are able to support our request.

Sincerely,

Paula Claydon  
Director, Social Services

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

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## the work of the church

**SATURDAY** ALL SOULS  
5:45pm All Souls Mass: *John Regan*, requested by Dorothy Regan

**- CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS TONIGHT! -**

**SUNDAY** ALL SOULS  
10:45am Mass: *Stanley Szczapa, Sr.*, - and -  
*Richard Gagne*, requested by Thora Cowperthwaite

**MONDAY** MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

**TUESDAY** CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

**WEDNESDAY**  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

**THURSDAY**  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation this week**  
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**  
9:30am – 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:00pm Close of Adoration

**SATURDAY** DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME  
5:45pm Mass: *Lucy Adams*, requested by the Labrie Family,  
- and -  
*Anna Colliton*, requested by her husband, Dr. Robert Colliton

**SUNDAY** DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME  
10:45am Mass: *Harry Godi, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, requested by  
his wife, Florinda Godi

## meetings

**SATURDAY**  
7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous\***, South Rooms

**SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**  
9:15-10:30am **Faith Formation Grades 1-5**  
6:30-7:45pm **Faith Formation Grades 6-Conf Prep**  
7:45-9pm **Youth Group**

**MONDAY** Offices Closed  
7:00pm **Knights of Columbus**, South Rooms  
7:00pm **Haiti Ministry**, Deacon Chuck White Memorial  
Haiti Ministry Room

**WEDNESDAY**  
4-5:15pm **Faith Formation Grades 1-3 & 5**  
7:30pm **Finance Council**, Living Room  
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous\***, South Community Rooms

**THURSDAY**  
10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms  
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**  
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book\***, South  
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\* Note: Some groups meet at Sacred Heart (including but not limited to The Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and Narcotics Anonymous) but they are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese